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FOR ASST SECRETARIES ENDERS AND HABIB

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGEN, ENRG, PFOR, JA

SUBJ: THEME FOR AMBASSADOR'S SPEECH

1. I HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO SPEAK ON MARCH 17 TO YOMIURI INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SOCIETY. PERIODIC LUNCHEON MEETINGS OF THIS GROUP ATTRACT TOP LEVELS OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC SCENE AS SPEAKERS. JANUARY SPEAKER WAS DEPUTY PM FUKUDA. ADDRESSEES, IF NEWSWORTHY, GET MAJOR PLAY IN JAPANESE PRESS.

2. IT OCCURS TO ME MARCH 17 DATE MAY PROVIDE GOOD VEHICLE TO SPEAK ON OUR ENERGY STRATEGY. WITH RESULTS OF MARCH 6-7 IEA/GB KNOWN AT THAT TIME AND IN ANTICIPATION OF FOLLOW-UP MEETING MARCH 19-20, AN ADDRESS TAILORED A BIT TO PARTICULAR JAPANESE SENSITIVITIES ABOUT ENERGY COULD GIVE INFLUENTIAL JAPANESE CIRCLES BETTER APPRECIATION OF OUR OBJECTIVES AND PERHAPS HELP KEEP GOJ MOVING ALONG WITH US AS THEY HAVE THUS FAR.

3. I DO NOT SUGGEST MY SPEECH AS VEHICLE FOR NEW POLICY STATEMENT. IT SHOULD NOT LECTURE TO THE JAPANESE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, I THINK, TO PUT RELATIVELY HEAVY STRESS ON REASONABLENESS AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL NATURE OF US STRATEGY WITHOUT OF COURSE IGNORING REALITY OF NEED FOR PROMPT MULTILATERAL ACTION.

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4. I AND MY STAFF COULD PUT TOGETHER A CUT-AND-PASTE
SPEECH OF THIS KIND BASED ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESI-
DENT, SECRETARY, AND ENDERS. I WOULD PREFER, HOWEVER,
THAT THE GUTS OF SUCH A SPEECH BE DRAFTED IN WASHINGTON
IN VIEW OBVIOUS SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT AND NEED TO BE
SURE ANY PUBLIC UTTERANCE HERE REFLECTS LATEST WASHING-
TON THINKING. IF WASHINGTON WILLING/ABLE SUPPLY MAIN
TEXT, I WOULD NEED COMMITMENT IT WILL ARRIVE TELEGRAPHIC-
ALLY BY COB MARCH 13 (FOR TRANSLATION/REPRODUCTION).

4. I HAVE ALTERNATIVE SAFE NON NEWSWORTHY SPEECH ON
ANOTHER SUBJECT UNDER PREPARATION IN CASE YOU CONSIDER
FOREGOING INADVISABLE.
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